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WELL BE PRINCIPAL REASON TO DATE. SOME, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY DO BELIEVE THEY FIGHTING FOR RETURN OF "THE PRINCE", AND REFUGEE REFERRED TO ABOVE TOLD US MAJORITY OF CAMBODIANS IN SNUOL WOULD SUPPORT SIHANOUK IF HE RETURNED. APPEARS TO US LIKELY THAT MORE CAMBODIANS WILL JOIN NVA/VC AS CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES FORCED REPATRIATION ETHNIC VIETNAMESE FROM CAMBODIA AND AS US AND ARVN FORCES CONTINUE TO CAUSE SORT OF DISRUPTION THAT SEEMS TO BE INEVITABLE IN WAR. INCIDENTALLY, PETER ARNETT TOLD US LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD WITNESSED US TROOPS LOOTING IN SNUOL AND CAMBODIAN CIVILIAN CASUALTIES CAUSED BY US TACTICAL AIR, INCLUDING NAPALM. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT AP IN NEW YORK WITHHELD THIS REPORT FROM ITS US SUBSCRIBERS. NEWSWEEK APPARENTLY INTENDS PUBLISH ACCOUNT OF DISAGREEMENT WITHIN AP OVER PUBLICATION THIS STORY.

3. OUR IMPRESSION REPORTED IN FIRST CABLE THAT ARVN MAY WELL REMAIN IN CAMBODIA AFTER JULY 1, PERHAPS LONG AFTER, CONFIRMED AND STRENGTHENED. (IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU WILL HAVE SEEN ACCOUNTS IN TIMES, POST AND ELSEWHERE OF EXTENDED INTERVIEW SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS HAD RECENTLY WITH THIEU.) WE WERE TOLD YESTERDAY IN BRIEFING ON ARVN OPERATIONS THAT THREE BATTALIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE MARINES WILL REMAIN IN CAMBODIA ALONG MEKONG FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OTHER FORCES IN COMBINED OPERATION "CUU LONG" UP MEKONG AND ALONG ITS BANKS.

4. YESTERDAY WE VISITED NEWLY DISCOVERED LARGE ENEMY CACHES IN FISH HOOK. CACHES CONSISTED OF WEAPONS STORED ABOVE GROUND WHICH WERE PRIMARILY CHINESE AND SOVIET. ALSO SAW SOME CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AMMUNITION, EAST GERMAN MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND JAPANESE TEXTILES. APPARENTLY LITTLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CAPTURED. NO DOUBT THESE SUPPLIES ARE CONSIDERABLY BY ANY STANDARDS EXCEPT THOSE THAT OBTAIN FOR US ARMED FORCES AND THEIR LOSS WILL HURT NVA/VC. MACV REPORTS LARGE AMOUNTS OF RICE FOUND IN BAGS WITH CHINESE MARKINGS, BUT RICE WE SAW YESTERDAY WAS CAMBODIAN IN UN-MARKED BAGS. WE WERE INFORMED, AFTER PURSUING QUESTION WITH MACV, THAT SOME OTHER RICE CAPTURED WAS SOUTH VIETNAMESE. FIXED INSTALLATIONS DISCOVERED NOW REFERRED TO BY MACV AS LARGE LOGISTIC AND COMMUNICATION CENTER. THERE NO MENTION, AS THERE WAS A WEEK AGO, OF COSVN.

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5. US AND ARVN CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN LIGHT AND THOSE OF ENEMY QUITE HEAVY (AT LEAST IN "PARROT'S BEAK"), ALTHOUGH MANY SUPPLY CACHES NOT DEFENDED AS ENEMY HAD WITHDRAWN APPARENTLY TO WEST. ONE ARVN COLONEL SAID ENEMY HAD WITHDRAWN FROM HIS AREA TWO WEEKS BEFORE CROSS BORDER OPERATION. IN ONE "PREDOMINANTLY ARVN" OPERATION, WE WERE TOLD THAT IN FIRST TWO DAYS MORE ENEMY KILLED "BY ARMY AIR", MEANING US GUNSHIPS, THAN BY ARVN GROUND FORCES. PROBLEM OF DISTINGUISHING NVA/VC KIA FROM CIVILIANS KILLED OBVIOUSLY DIFFICULT WHERE GUNSHIPS INVOLVED.

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COMMITTEE, 9 AM MONDAY

FROM LOWENSTEIN/MOOSE

6. WE WERE TOLD IN SAIGON LAST WEEK THAT THERE WERE 14 ENEMY
BASE AREAS ALONG BORDER. SEVEN HAVE NOW BEEN ATTACKED BY
US-ARVN FORCES. SEEMS LOGICAL TO US TO ASSUME REMAINING
AREAS ALSO TARGETED.

7. ACCORDING SEVERAL SOURCES, CAMBODIANS HAVE REPORTED
SEEING DICK DUDMAN AND TWO JOURNALISTS BEING LED AWAY
BY NVA/VC IN AREA WEST OF SVAY RIENG LAST THURSDAY. THERE
HAS BEEN NO OTHER WORD OF THEM SINCE.

8. WE HAVE REQUESTED BRIEFING FROM US SPECIAL FORCES ON
DEPLOYMENT KHMER TO CAMBODIA. REQUEST REFUSED BY
MACV ON GROUND THERE "NO AUTHORITY HERE" CONDUCT SUCH
BRIEFING. WE HAD HOPED TO FIND OUT FROM SPECIAL FORCES,
AS NO ONE IN PHNOM PENH AND NO ONE ELSE HERE SEEMS TO KNOW,
WHEN FIRST KHMER ARRIVED IN CAMBODIA (ONE JOURNALIST
IN PHNOM PENH SAID A KHMER HE MET THERE HAD TOLD HIM HE HAD
ARRIVED 4-6 WEEKS AGO) WHETHER ALL ARE, IN FACT "KHMER";
WHEN KHMER SHIFTED FROM US TO CAMBODIAN PAYROLL, WHO
HAD PAID FOR THEIR TRANSPORT IN VIETNAMESE PLANES TO
PHNOM PENH; AND UNDER WHOSE OPERATIONAL COMMAND HELICOPTERS
SEEN IN PHNOM PENH LAST WEEK WERE OPERATED. IN CONNECTION

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LAST-MENTIONED POINT, AMONG HELICOPTERS SEEN BY REPORTERS IN PHNOM PENH WERE "CHINOOKS" WHICH WE WERE TOLD HERE VIETNAMESE DO NOT HAVE. ONE REPORTER TOLD US HE HAD SEEN SEVERAL "HUEY" HELICOPTERS. WHEN WE ASKED OUR MILITARY ATTACHES IN PHNOM PENH ABOUT THESE REPORTS THEY SUGGESTED JOURNALISTS MIGHT BE CONFUSING FRENCH "ALOUETTE" AND "HUEY", SAID THEY KNEW OF NO "HUEY'S" IN CAMBODIA. AT THAT VERY MOMENT WE HEARD HELICOPTER FLYING OVER EMBASSY. WE RAN OUT ON BALCONY AND ATTACHES IDENTIFIED IT AS "HUEY", ALTHOUGH WE WERE UNABLE TO SEE MARKINGS, IF INDEED THERE WERE ANY.

9. ONE US ADVISER TOLD US YESTERDAY ARVN COULD NOT RUN ITS OPERATIONS INTO CAMBODIA WITHOUT US LOGISTICAL AND HELICOPTER SUPPORT. ARVN OPERATIONS DESCRIBED BY MANY US OFFICERS AS "TERRIFIC BOOST" TO VIETNAMESE MORALE.

10. WE INTEND DEPART HERE 11 AM TOMORROW FOR BANGKOK, SPEND AFTERNOON THERE BEING BRIEFED BY EMBASSY, DEPART BANGKOK 7130 PM TOMORROW AND ARRIVE PARIS 9 AM WEDNESDAY. WILL CABLE OR CALL FROM THERE.
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